

Remarks

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-14, for which Applicants express their appreciation.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 for the claimed recitation of a use, rendering the claims non-statutory. Applicants have cancelled claims 16-19.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being essential duplicates. Applicants have cancelled claim 20.

For the forgoing reasons, Applicants believe claim 15 is now in condition for allowance along with formerly allowed claims 1-14. Applicants look forward to receiving a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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